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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Acting Deputy Director (Administration)

25X1A SUBJECT : [REDACTED]

1. By letter dated 9 July 1953 the Civil Service Commission has directed that the case of the subject employee be processed under Executive Order 10450.

2. Subject entered on duty in ONE on 26 June 1951 as an Intelligence Officer, GS-15.

3. Current action under Executive Order 10450 has been requested by the Civil Service Commission in view of reports of supplemental investigation by the FBI for the Atomic Energy Commission, following our request for Class "C" clearance.

25X1A 4. Since receipt of the request from the Civil Service Commission, the Agency has received a letter of July 16 from the Chairman of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. This letter requests that the Agency check and inform the subcommittee on certain alleged facts relating to contribution by [REDACTED] of \$400 towards the defense of Alger Hiss and his reasons for making such contribution and his membership in organizations officially named as fronts doing the work of the communist party. The letter further requests information on [REDACTED] duties in the Agency.

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5. All information concerning the contribution by [REDACTED] to the Hiss defense was available to the Agency and to the FBI at the time the latter Agency investigated [REDACTED] for employment in CIA. Basic information was volunteered by [REDACTED] on his Personal History Statement. He also stated that he had been a member for a short time in the summer of 1940 of the UPWA, a Government employees union, which in 1945-1946 became suspect due to an attempt of left wing members to gain control. UPWA was not then and has not since been officially designated as a communist front organization. All the above information was considered by the CIA Loyalty Board, which reported its unanimous opinion to the Director of Central Intelligence on 2 November 1951 that there was not a reasonable doubt as to the loyalty of [REDACTED]. The Loyalty Review Board of the Civil Service

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Commission postaudited this case on 28 August 1952 and approved of the findings of the CIA Board. On 4 June 1953 the case was re-adjudicated by the Security Office as required by Executive Order 10450 and was found to meet the requirements and standards set forth in that Order.

6. It is recommended:

(a) that this case be submitted to a Board to be established under the provisions of Executive Order 10450;

(b) that pending the processing of the case and formal action thereon, subject be retained in duty status in his present assignment;

(c) that reply be made to the Chairman of the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations answering the specific question as to [REDACTED] duties, but stating that it is believed that a final answer on the substantive matters referred to in that letter be deferred until final consideration under Executive Order 10450. A suggested draft answer is attached.

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Director of Security

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1 Attachment

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